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ABSTRACT

An apparatus and method that, in transmission and
playback of content between a server and a client,
efficiently executes playing back part of content, such as

5   an impressive portion, is provided. By setting index
information as partial data region identification
information in property information corresponding to content
retained by the server, when a content request from the
client includes partial playback specification information,

10   the index information is acquired from the property
information corresponding to the specified content, and the
content is acquired and transmitted to the client. This
configuration enables the client to enjoy playback of
content of only particular partial data such as an

15   impressive portion of content received from a server or a
user's favorite portion.